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By the Governo^{r}— and Councill

A Proclamation/

Whereas Divers weighty matters have been Transacted in the Generall Assembly at their Last Session of which the True and absolute Lords and prop^{rs}— have not yett had any notice soe y^{t} we Know not how the same will be Resented and approved of by them Though we have no Reason to Doubt of their Gratious and Ready Concurrance wth Every thing which shall be Done (wth their Hono^{rs}— for The Good and wellfare of the Inhabittants of this their Collony, yett not willing to Engage our Selves ffurther in any Greate and arduous matters wth-out the advice of the Lords ℔p^{rs} in our ffurther ℔gress which we Expect at large as soone as the Lords have Received advice of what hath been Already Done,

Therefore for the aforesaid Reasons and other Reasons us thereunto Moveing, wee Thinke fitt, and itt is our will and pleasure That the Generall Assembly which was adjourned to the Second Tuesday in September next and all Bills, Matt^{rs}— and things therein Depending Bee Prorogued to the Twenty fowerth Day of November Next And the Gener^{ll} Assembly is hereby Prorouged Accordingly, of which all ℔sons Concerned are to Take notice. Given at The Councill Chamber at Charles Towne The 28th— Day of August 1696 and Signed by ord^{r}— of Council/

Ja Moore Secretary

Tuesday The 24th: November 1696,
The House Mett According to Prorogation
M^r^ Speaker Adjourned the House by Consent of the Memb^rs^ P^r^sentt Till Eight of y^e^ Clock to Morrow Morning

Wednesday The 25th: November in The morning The House Mett According to Adjournment,

Present	Present
M^r^: Speaker	Cap^t^ James Young
m^r^: Ralph Izard	Cap^t^,, W^m^— Brockhus
Cap^t^ Job: Hows	m^r^,, John Stanyarne,
Cap^t^ W^m^— Davis	m^r^,, Daniell Courtise
Cap^t^: Georg Raynor	m^r^,, Gabrill Glaze
m^r^: Robert Stevens	m^r^,, Joseph Ellicott
m^r^: John Ladson	
Cap^t^: Tho: Smith	
m^r^: Richard Baker	
m^r^,, James Stanyarne	
m^r^,, James Witter	
m^r^,, W^m^— White—	

A Message from The upper house by James Moore and William Hawett Esq^rs^: To Acquaint this house That y^e^ Upper House Desires this House to wayte upon Them as Soone as they Could Conveniently/

Ord^rd^— That m^r^ Speaker and This house Do wayte upon The Upper House according to the s^d^ Message,

The House Returned And m^r^ Speaker Reports to the House that The R^t^ Hono^ble^— The Governo^r^ Minded this house in his Speech of the Greate abuse in Clipping and Defaceing the Currant Money of this ℙvince and that The same may be prevented
2^dly^ That Some Care may be Taken The South Channell be not Lost,
3^dly^ That masters of Vessells may be Encouraged, by Preventing the Runing away of their Seamen, and punishing those that Enterteyne them
4^thly^ That Abuses by ffalse weights and Measures be Prevented
5^ly^ That Some Emediate Care be Taken for fortifieing,

Resolved that A Bill be Brought in for The preventing—
1 Abuses in Clipping and Defaceing y^e^ Currant money of this ℙvince—

Resolved That A Bill be brought in ffor Incourageing The
2 Useing And Bringing of Vessells in at the South Chanell of this Harbour

Resolved That a Bill be Brought in to prevent, Seamen
3 from Absenting themselves, from the Service of their Respective Masters or Commandrs, And for punishing Them And all other ꝑsons That Shall Enterteyne Them in Towne or Country
4 Resolved That A Bill be Brought in to prevent Abuses by false Weights and Measures/

Ordered That Mr Speaker Capt Hob Hows Capt Georg Raynor & mr William Smith be A Committe, To Joyne wth A Committe of The Upper House, to Survey, and Consider, whether There be not A more Convenient, place or, places, ffor ffortifieing in Charles Towne Then The place Appoynted by Act of Assembly, And make Their Report Thereof to this House,

A Bill for Preventing ye Abuses in Clipping and Defaceing the Currant money of this Province, Committed to mr William Smith & Capt James Young to be prepared and brought into the House to morrow,, morning

A Bill for Encourageing the Useing and Bringing of Vessells in at the South Channell of this Harbour, Committed to Capt George Raynor & Mr: James Witter, to be prepared and brought into this House to Morrow Morning

A Bill To Prevent Seamen from Absenting Themselves from the Service of their Respective Masters or Commandrs And for punishing Them and all others ꝑsons That Shall Enterteyne Them in Towne or Country, Committed to mr Daniell Courtise & mr Joseph Ellicott to be prepared and Brought into this House To morrow morning

A Bill to prevent abuses by ffalse weights and Measures, Comitted to mr Ralph Izard and mr Robert Stevens to be prepared and brought into this House to Morrow Morneing——

A Bill for The makeing and Mending High ways and paths and for Cutting of Creekes and watter Courses Committed to Capt Job How, to be prepared and brought into this House/

A Bill to Revive An Act for the Settling and Regulateing of The Millitia, Committed to Capt William Davis and Capt Thomas Smith To be prepared and brought into this House, to morrow morning

A Bill for y^e^ Raiseing a Publick Store of powder for the Defence and Publick Use of this province, Committed to m^r^ John Ladson m^r^ James Stanyarne & m^r^ John Stanyarne To be prepared and brought into this house to Morrow Morning

M^r^ Speaker By Consent of the memb^rs^ adjourned The House Till Eight of the Clock to morrow Morning—

Thursday the 26^th^: November in The Morning
The House Mett according to Adjournment,

The Comitte Appoynted to Joyne w^th^ a Committe of the Upper House to Survey and Consider whether there be not A more Convenient place or places for fortifieing in Charles Towne, Then the place appoynted by act of Assembly Reports to the House That they w^th^: a Committe of y^e^ Upper House Did Survey and have Considered of the most Convenient place And it was y^e^ oppinion of the Majo^r^ part of the Committe, That the poynt of Sand to the northward of the Creeke Commonly Called Collins his Creeke, is the Most Convenient place for fortifieing/

Ord^rd^— That The Consideration of the above Report be debated in this House to Morrow Morning, And that in the Meane time The Comitte of this House Doe make Search whether ffresh watter Can be had in the poynt of Land aforesaid And Report The Same to this House to Morrow Morning/

An Act to Make Currant Establish and Settle The weight of fforraigne Coyne Read The first Time and past w^th^ Amendments,

The House Adjourned Till 2 of the Clock in y^e^ after noone/

In The after noone The House Mett According to adjournment/

ord^rd^: That Cap^t^ Thomas Smith one of The Members of this House Doe Attend the Service of y^e^ Same Imedjately according to the foregoeing ord^r^ Cap^t^ Thomas Smith Attended this House and Informed this House That he was one of the Landgraves of this ℙvince and that he was Called to the Service of the up^r^-House by the ffollowing Writt/

William Earle of Craven Pallatine and the Rest of The true and absolute Lords and ℙℙ^rs^ of the ℙvince of Carolina—

To Landgrave Thomas Smith/
Whereas by our proclamation Dated the 28th Day of August 1696/ we̊ have thought fitt to prorogue the Generall Assembly To the Twenty ffowerth Day of November Instant Then to meete at the House of mr ffras ffidling in Charles Towne to Consult about Arduous and Urgent Buissness Concerning us and the State and Defence of our province we therefore Require you The sd Thomas Smith as you Tendr uss our Honors. The Safety and Defence, of our province, aforesaid and the Dispatch of the weighty affaires thereof you Neglect not for any Reason what Soever at the place and Day aforesaid to meete us & other the Nobillity to Consult and Advise and Consent to the aforesd Matters and the Makeing of Such Laws as Shall be Thought Reasonable, Dated at Charles Towne The 4th Day of Novembr— 1696/ Witness/

Joseph Blake— ⊕
Joseph Morton ⊕
James Moore— ⊕
Tho Cary ⊕
William Hawett ⊕
John Beresford ⊕

An Act for The Settling of Pylotage,
Read the first Time and past wth Amendments

Mr: Speaker by Consent of the membrs— adjourned The House to 8 of the Clock tomorrow,

ffryday in The Morning ye 27th: Novembr— 1696
The House Mett according to Adjournment,
The Comitte appoynted by this House To make Search whether any fresh watter Could be found on the poynt of Sand ffor ffortifieing, Reports to the House that they have made Search on the sd poynt, and by what Search they had made There, They did not finde ffresh watter/
Resolved That the fortification be built on the poynt of Sand aforesaid,
An Additionall Bill for ffortifieing in Charles Towne Comitted to mr Ralph Izard Mr: Robt Steven and mr Dan Courtise To be prepared and Brought into this House To morrow morng
A Bill for Supplying the Deaths or Vacansey of any membr— of this House Committed to Capt Job Hows to be prepared and Brought into this House on munday Morning next/

Ordrd— That the Messenger of this House Doe Give Notice to mr— Lenard White Marrinr—that he Doe attend this House presently/
A Bill to Revive an Act for the Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia Read the first Time & past wth. Amendmts:

Mr Speaker by Consent Adjourned The House Till 2 of ye Clock in The afternoone/

In The afternoone the House Meet according to Adjournmt—
Mr— Speaker by Consent adjourned ye: House Till Eight of the Clock to morrow morning/

ffriday[1] In The Morning the 28th: of Novembr: 1696
The House Mett According to Adjournment,
An Act to make Currant fforreigne Coyne and to Establish the weight thereof &c/ Read the Seccond Time and past
The Question is putt whether the Inhabittants of Charles Towne Shall mend ye High ways so ffarr as Turkey Creeke, Caryed that they doe mend the High ways Soe ffar as the sd Creeke,
Ordered yt The Messenger of this House Do Take into his Custody James Williams Esqr: mr James Gilbertson major— Thomas Broughton and mr— John Hamilton Members of this house for not Attending the Service of the same/
ordrd That The Speaker Signe The above ordr/
ordered that mr Daniell Courtise have Leave to Goe Home Home upon Urgent occation/
A Bill to Prevent the Ingroseing of Salt Committed to mr John Morton/
ordered That a Debate about the Act for packing of Beefe and porke &c, be Defered till munday next in ye— afternoone/

Mr— Speaker by Consent of the Membrs— adjourned the House Till Munday next one of the Clock in ye after noone/

Munday in The Afternoone.
November the 30th: The House Mett According to adjournmt
ordrd— That the Clerke Doe Ingross An Act to Make Currant

[1]Should have been Saturday.

fforreigne Coyne and to Establish and Settle The weight Thereof &c/

An Additionall Act to prevent Marrin^{rs} and Seamen Runing into Debt Read the first Time and past with Amendments/

An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store of powder for y^{e} defence of this province Read the first Time and past wth: amendm^{ts}—

An Act for Mending high Ways and paths and for Cutting of Creeks and watter Courses Read the first Time and past wth— Amendments/

M^{r} Speaker by Consent of the Memb^{rs}: Adjourned the House till to morrow morning 8 of the Clock/

Tuesday In The Morning y^{e}: first day of December 1696/

The House Mett according to adjournment/

Upon Heareing The Excuse of Doc^{tr}: James Williams and m^{r} Ja Gilbertson for Absenting themselves from the Service of this House, ordrd— That the s^{d} Doct^{r}: James Williams and m^{r} Ja Gilbertson be Discharged without paying any ffees/

An Act to Settle The forme of Conveyance of pattent Lands purchased or to be purchased Read The first Time and past wth: Amendm^{ts}

An Act To Supply The Roome of Members Deceased and other Incapable of Attending the Service of the House/ Resolved That the s^{d} Bill be Rejected/

M^{r}: Speaker by Consent of the Memb^{rs}— adjourn^{d}— The House Till Two of y^{e}. Clock in The afternoone

Munday[1] in The afternoone

The House Mett according to Adjournment/

The Question is putt whether there Shall be Two packers for The packing of beefe and Porke, or one/ Caryed for Two Packers/

An Act for the Incouragement of the better Settlement of South Carolina Read the first Time and past wth: amendments

The Question is putt whether this house Shall Address the R^{t} Hono^{ble}— the Lords prop^{rs}—That the List of Jurours Shall be in Panells/ Caryed for addressing the Lords/

[1]Should have been Tuesday.

Ordrd— That Capt: Job Hows mr: Robt Stevens and mr John Morton be a Committe to Draw up an Address to the Rt Honoble— the Lords Proprs— Concerning the pannells of Jurys/
Ordrd= That Tomorrow in The afternoone The Lists of Jury Men be Debated/
Ordered That this House Debate tomorrow Morning The act for the Raiseing a Publick Store of powder for the Defence of this ꝑvince/
The Question is putt whether The Exporters of Liquors: Shll have all, or halfe The Draw back/
Caryed That the Exportors have butt halfe ye Draw Back/
by Consent of the Membrs mr Speaker adjournd=
The House Till Tomorrow Morning/

Wednesday in The Morning the 2d: of Decembr: 1696/
The House mett According to Adjournment,
An Act for makeing and mending Highways and paths and for Cutting of Creekes and watter Courses Read The Seccond Time and past/
An Act for Building a Ffortification at Charles Towne Read The first Time and past wth: Amendments
ordrd: That An Act for the Makeing and mending of High ways and paths and for Cutting of Creekes and watter Courses be Ingrosed by The Clerke,
Mr: Samuell Hartley Being Examined by this House Declared to the house That mr: William Bradly Pylott agreed wth: Capt Michale Cole for a percell of Beere And that the said Bradley Told him he allso Agreed wth: the sd Cole for a ꝑcell of wine, which agreement was made on Board The sd Coles Shipp Neare Sullivans Island wthin Three Houres, or thereabouts after her Coming over the Barr
Mr James Stanyarne being Likewise Examined saith that he was on board the sd Coles Shipp at the same time mr Samuell Hartley was, and heard, sd Bradley and Capt Cole Chafering about wine and beare, and allso heard The sd Cole Say, that he had Sold his Beare and wine to the sd Bradly/
Mr: Thomas Howard being allso Examined, Saith that he was on board The sd Coles Vessell at The same Time mr: Samuel Hartley and mr James Stanyarne was; And heard mr Bradley Say on Board said Vessell he had bought beare and wine of said Cole/

Ordrd— That Mr Jonathan Amory Doe ℔sicute mr William Bradley Upon The act for The Entry of Vessells for Dealeing wth: Capt Michale Cole Contrary to the sd Act
The Question is putt whether a peice of Ground Convenient to be added to the Church yard in Charles Towne Shall be Purchased out of The Publick money or nott/

Caryed That it Shall be purchased out of the Publick Money
ordrd/ That mr James Witter have Leave from this House to go home upon urgent occations and Attend the Service of This house on Munday next/
An Act for Settling of Pylotage Read ye seccond Time and past
The House adjourned Till Two of the Clock in The afternoone/

In The Afternoone The House Mett according to Adjournment/
Upon Heareing the Excuse of Major— Thomas Broughton for Absenting himselfe from the Service of this house/ It is ordrd— That The sd Major Tho Broughton be Excused wthout paying any Ffees/
An Act to Continue the acts wthin mentioned Read the first Time and past wth. amendments
An Act for The Encouragement of the Better Setlemt in South Carolina Read ye Seccond time and past/
ordrd: that an Act for Settling of Pylotage be Ingrossed by The Clerke/
ordrd: that mr John Ladson have leave from this house to Go Home being sick and to attend the service of the House on Ffryday next,
To The Rt Honoble: Joseph Blake one of the proprs— & Governor of the province of Carolina And to the Honoble The Rest of The Members of the upper house/
The Humble Address of the Comons Assembled/
Whereas yor: Honrs— did yesterday Returne a bill for Raiseing a Publick Store of Powder and Desired yt the same might be suspended till the Expiration thereof, and Till The next sessions ffollowing, we being very Apprehencive of an Invasion, and by Due Information Sencible of the Small Quantity of powder in Store, Doe Humbly Thinke it our bounden Duty to make ℔vission for Raiseing the Same, Sufficent for the Defence of the, Country, and haveing Duly Considered ye sd Act Doe find yt in Two years after the Rati-

fication thereof The powder Receiv^{r}: is bound to Deliver Two Carrells of Powder and other Things in The s^{d} Act specified to Such ℔son or ℔sons as by The Generall Assembly Shall be Appoynted to Receive the Same, In Consideration of the above Reasons, wee Conceive The Suspension of the s^{d} Act will Expose the Countrey to Eminent Danger and Therefore humbly yo^{r} Hono^{rs}— to Joyne wth: us in The Continuation of the Same/

ordrd: That The Speaker Signe the above Address/

ordrd. That m^{r}: William Brockhust have Leave from this house to Goe home, being Sick and not to Returne againe this Sessions/

M^{r} Speaker by Consent of the Members Adjourned The House Till To morrow Eight a Clock in the Morning/

Thursday The third of December in the Morning/

The House mett According to adjournm^{t};

M^{r} Speaker and Gent^{m}—

Wee Haveing Considered your Address sent to us Last night about the powder Bill Doe Desire that you would Lett the bill Alone Till yo^{r} next Meeting according to the Limetation of the now Act, or Else that you would Take the office Immediately into yo^{r} Hands and allow the present Receiver Some Consideration for the Time to Come in the said office. He Delivering up The Two Barrells of powder, and other things as by the s^{d} act is Req^{ed}—

Decemb^{r}: 3^{d} 1696/ Joseph Blake—

Ordered That m^{r} James Stanyarne a Member of this House have Leave to Goe Home, upon urgent occations,/

An Act to Revive an Act for The Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia, Read the second Time and past—

An Act for Building a ffortification at Charles Towne Read the Second Time and past—

An Act to Prevent Abuses by false-weights and measures and to Appoynt A Sworne Measurer Read the ffirst Time and past with Amendments/

Ordered That An Act for the Encouragement of the Better Settlem^{t} of South Carolina be Ingrossed/

Ordered That m^{r}: Robert Stevens William Smith Esq^{r} m^{r} Joseph Ellicott and Cap^{t} George Rayno^{r} be A Committe, to Enquire and Inspect whether Cap^{t} William Smith Powder Receiver have now Ready Powder and all other Things he is oblidged to have Ready

by an Act Entituled an Act for Raiseing of a Publick Store of Powder for the Defence of this ℘vince and make their Report to this House in the afternoone/.

M^r. Speaker by Consent of the Members Adjourned The House till Two of the Clock this afternoone/

Thursday 3^d December In the Afternoone,
The House Mett According to Adjournment—

The Committe to Enq^r whether Cap^t William Smith powder Receiver have now Ready powder and all other Things he is oblidged to Have Ready by an Act Entituled an Act for Raiseing a Publick Store of powd^r for the Defence of this ℘vince, Reports that he had a Barrell and halfe of Powder and ffower Cartheridges of powder, 2 Wormes Six fformers and one Ladle and no More/

Ordered that an Act for Building a ffortification at Charles Towne be Ingrossed/

An Act To Continue the Acts w^thin Mentioned Read The seccond Time and past/ ordered That the s^d act be Ingrossed/

The Question is putt whether the Question That the powder Receivers Bond shall be Sued or nott. Caryed in The Negative/

Ord^rd: That Cap^t William Smith Powder Receiver doe forthw^th: Gitt in Readiness Two Barrells of powder in Carthredges and allso Spunges Wormes Ladles and all Things necessary and Convenient as by an Act of Assembly Entitled an Act for Raiseing a Publick Store of Powder for The Defence of this ℘vince he is oblidged/

M^r Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House till To Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock/

ffryday the 4^th: December In The Morning

The House mett According to Adjournment/

An Act to Prevent abuses by ffalse weights and measures and to Appoynt a Sworne Measurer Read the second Time and past/

It is further ordered That Cap^t William Smith powder Receiver doe within Twelve Days provide The perticulars und^rneath which this Assembly Beleives are necessary for the Great Gunns. And that by act in the foregoeing ord^r Mentioned he is oblidged allways to have Ready And in Case the s^d Powder Receiver or neglect the same in the said time, The R^t Hono^ble The Governo^r is Requested to

Impower Mr Speaker to putt his bond in Sute, And that this ordr be sent to the upper house for their Concurrance/
(Vizt) 6 Hornes and wires,
17 Aprons 12 Linslocks
4 Ladles, 4 Wormes
fformes for Each Bore
Heights to Size the Sett for Each Gunn
Two Barrells of Powder wth: paper sufficent to make it up in Cartheridges or Two Barrells of powder Ready made up in Carteridges, Wading for ye Gunns Made of old Junk or Black moss/
Six pounds of Match To Every Gunn one spunge and one Rammer To Every Gunn one Bedd and one Coyne 12 HandSpikes/
The above ordr of yesterdays Date is Assented to by the Upper House, December 5o 1696/

Joseph Blake/

Ordrd— That mr John Morton mr Robert Stevens and Capt James Young doe upon ye upper House and humbly Desire them to Joyne wth this House to Revive an Act Entitled an Act to Ascertaine Bublick officers ffees for Two years after the Ratification thereof And That The ffees Therein Specified may be Taken in the Currant Money—
The Above Committe Reports That if this House would Raise the ffees in The fformer Act, Proportionable To the Raise of Money They are Willing to Concur wth: this House, in The Reviveing the sd act/
An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store of Powder for the defence of this ℘vince Read the Second Time and past—

Mr: Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till 2 a Clock in The afternoone/

ffryday in The afternoone—
The House Mett According to Adjournment,
Ordered that an Act to Prevent Abuses by ffalse Weights & Measures and to Appoynt a Sworne Measurer be Ingrossed/
ordrd: that Mr Speaker Signe the ordrs— Last night and this Morning relateing to the powder Receiver/
An Act for makeing and Mending high ways and paths And for Cutting of Creeks and Watter Courses Read The Third Time and past into a Law.

The Question is putt whether officers ffees Shall be Raised proportionable to the raise of Money/ Caryed That ffees shall not be Raised

Ordrd That An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store of Powder for the Defence of this ℔vince, be Ingrossed/

An act to Revive an Act for the Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia Read the Third Time and past into a Law,

An Act for the Encouragement of the Better Settlement of South Carolina Read The Third Time and Past into a Law—

A Message from the uper House by Capt James Moore and John Beresford Esqrs— That they had appoynted Three Members of their House to Meete any Number of the Commons this House Shall Appoynt at Seaven of the Clock to Morrow Morning To Conferr about Two ordrs of this house sent to the upper House for their Concurrance Concerning the Powdr Receiver &c/

Ordrd That Capt Georg Raynor Capt Job Hows William Smith Esqr— Ralph Izard Esqr— and mr Robert Stevens be a Committe to Meete a Committe of the upper House to Morrow Morning to Confer upon the ordrs aforesaid/

An Act To Continue the acts wthin mentioned Read the Third Time and Past into a Law,

The House Adjourned Till Eight of the Clock Tomorrow Morning—

Saturday in The Morning The 5th: of December 1696/

The House Mett According to adjournment—

The Committe Appoynted to Meete wth A Committe of the upper house to Confer upon the ordrs— Aforesd relateing to the powder Receiver— Reports That, it was the Resolution of the Committe that all The Things in The sd ordr Are necessary for the Great Gunns (Except Tomkins)

Ordrd— That William Smith Esqr— mr Jonathan Amory Capt Charles Basden and mr Joseph Ellicott or any Two of them Do Every Month Take and Receive from mr Richard Bellinger Powder Receiver an accoumpt of the powder or Money he shall Receive in Lieu thereof and allso of what he shall Lay out and Expend and the same accots— from Time to Time Examine State and Ballance, as they or any Two of them Shall see Cause and that this ordr be sent to the uper House for their Concurrance, ordrd: That Mr Speaker signe The above ordr/ The above ordr is assented to by the upper House The day aforesd—/

Ordrd That William Smith Esqr mr Jonathan Amory Capt Charles Basden and mr Joseph Ellicott or any Three of them Doe Contract and agree for all and Every Thing mentioned in an ordr of this House yesterday That is Thought necessary for the Great Gunns and after the same or any of them are bought. That they Require William Smith powdr Receiver to pay for the same as they are Bought, and at the Expiration of An Act Entitled an Act for the Raiseing of a Publick store of Powder for the Defence of this Province The Comrs aforesaid or any Three of Them Doe Issue their ordr to the Publick Receiver, to pay the sd William Smith Powder Receiver for all and Every of the said perticulars that he shall Deliver to the said Commissionrs— or any three of them at ye Same Price they or any of them Cost at first Provided they be Good and not Spoyned, And That this ordr be sent to the upper house for their Concurrance/ And That Mr Speaker signe the above ordr/

The Above ordr assented to by The upper house the 5th: of Decembr: 1696/

An Act for Settling of Pylotage Read The Third Time and past into a Law

An Act for Building a ffortification at Charles Towne Read the Third Time and past into a Law/

An Act to Make Currant fforeigne Coyne and to Establish and settle The Wheight Thereof &c Read The Third Time and Caryed in the Negative/

An Act to Prevent abuses by ffalse weights and Measures and to Appoynt a Sworne Measurer Read the Third Time and past into a Law

The House Adjourned Till Three of the Clock in ye after noone/

Saturday/ In The afternoone The House Mett according to adjournmt.

An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store of Powder for the Defence of this Province Read the Third Time and past into a Law Whereas by an Act of Assembly Entitled an Act for the poore, Ratified The 16th: day of March 1695/6 The Commissionrs: Appoynted in the said act for the poore, Haveing power not to Draw above Tenn pounds a yeare out of the hands of the Treasurer for the use of the poore Which Sume being not a Sufficent Releife, for the poore, It is Therefore ordrd that mr— Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver do pay out of the, Publick money The Sume of Tenn

Pounds To the Commissionrs— of the Poore,, for their ffurther Releife And That This ordr be sent to the upper house for Their Concurrance, ordered that mr Speaker signe ye above ordr/

The above ordr Assented to by The upper house

Upon Heareing the Petition of Severall of the ffremr Inhabittants of this Province, It is ordered That the Consideration of the said Petition be Deferred Ti'll the next Session of Assembly/

Upon Reading the petitions of John Broad and John Challis objects of Charity/ The Consideration of the sd Petitions are Refered to the Discretion of the Commissionrs— of the poore/

Ordered That The Publick Receiver pay out of the publick Money To Thomas Rose Clerke of the Assembly for his Cost in pen Inke and paper and ℔sonall Attendances for and upon the publick from ye 16th: Day of March Last past to this Day The Sume of Tenn pounds and that this ordr: be sent to the upper house for their Concurrance— And that mr Speaker Signe The Same/

The Above ordr Assented to by The upper house,

Decembr: 5th: 1696/

Ordered That The Publick Receiver pay out of the publick Money to ffrancis ffidling messenger of the Assembly for his House Roome ffire Candle and ℔sonall Attendance for and upon the publick from the 16th: day of march Last past, to this Day The Sume of ffive pounds And That this, ordr be Sent to the upper House for their Concurrance And that mr Speaker Signe the same/

The Above ordr Assented to by the upper House/

Decembr— 5th: 1696/

Ordered That mr Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver Doe pay unto William Smith Esqr— and Capt Charles Basden The sume of Tenn pounds Currant Money to Purchase from mr William Popell of Charles Towne part of a Towne Lott, belonging to the said William Popell which is Palled in with St: Phillips Church yard And that ye— said William Smith and Charles Basden doe take a Conveyance from the said Will Popell for the sd— part of a Towne Lott, in the Name of the Rt— Honorble= Joseph Blake Governor— and his successors on Trust and for the use of the sd Church for Ever and that this ordr be sent to ye upper House for their Concurrance, and That The Speaker Signe the above ordr, The above ordr Assented to by The upper House/

Decembr— the 5th: 1696/

Ordered That mr: Speaker present the ffollowing acts to the Upper House for Their Ratification (vizt.)

(1) An Act for makeing and of high ways and paths and for Cutting of Creeks and Watter Courses
(2) An Act to Revive the Millitia act/
(3) An Act for The Encouragement of the Better Settlement of South Carolina/
(4) An Act to Continue the acts wthin Mentioned/
(5) An Act for Building a ffortification at Charles Towne/
(6) An Act for Settling of Pylotage—
(7) An Act to Prevent abuses by false weights and measures and to Appoynt a sworne measurer/
(8) An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store for y^{e} Defence of this Province/
The fforegoing acts were Ratified by The R^{t} Hono^{rble}: The Governo^{r}— and The Lords proprietors Deputyes the 5th: of December 1696/ (vizt) The R^{t} Hono^{ble} Joseph Blake Governo^{r}: Joseph Morton Stephen Bull James Moore, Thomas Cary William Hawett John Beresford— Esq^{rs}—

By Consent of the Members the Speaker adjourned The House Till Tuesday the 23^{d} of ffebruary Next

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